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## ALLIES WAR COUNCIL IS IN SESSION AT LONDON

### Air is Filled With Rumors Claim No Ultimatum Has Been Sent Greece—Montenegro's Surrender Denied—German Drive at Salonika is Expected—Revolution in Greece That May Overthrow Constantine and Establish Republic a Possibility

London, Jan. 19.—When the war council of the allies met today, the air was full of rumors of important developments in the Balkans.

Before the session, an official statement discredited the German report, however, that the allies had sent an ultimatum to Greece demanding immediate withdrawal of the diplomats of the central powers. The announcement said that the report was "believed" to be untrue.

At the same time, reports from Rotterdam and from German cities said a revolutionary movement is afoot in Greece to establish a republic. According to the stories, former Premier Venizelos would head the new regime; and King Constantine was said to be in danger of being shorn of his power at an early moment. From several sources came reports, too, of various landings of allied forces in Greece, together with stories indicating the possibility that the attack of the central powers on Salonika is about to begin.

The war council was summoned suddenly, and the first intimation that it had been called came with the arrival of Premier Briand of France. It was indicated that matters of the greatest political and military importance were to be discussed particularly as there has been no session since the December meeting in Paris, when it was decided to continue the Balkan campaign and to land more troops at Salonika. Inasmuch as the Salonika drive apparently looms nearer and the Grecian situation is troubled, and in view of Montenegro's withdrawal from the fighting the situation is such that the session may be fraught with special importance.

#### Premier Asquith, of England and Bryan entered the session, accompanied by military representatives shortly after noon.

#### The Athens censor has hardly passed any dispatches for three days. This fact is regarded as ominous here, in view of reports of a possible revolution headed by former Premier Venizelos, coupled with a doubt that Constantine could control the Greek army in a crisis.

#### The censor, however, passed a dispatch to the Daily News, to end "dangerous rumors," saying that Greece is about to declare martial law.

#### It had been reported recently that the Venizelos party might refuse to accept the result of the recent election in which they did not participate, thus precipitating a crisis when parliament meets Monday.

#### Greeks To Withdraw.

Athens, Jan. 19.—All Greek troops, except a battalion, will be withdrawn from the Bulgarian frontier, it was officially announced today, because of the difficulty of provisioning them. At the same time, it was announced that England has agreed to export 5000 tons of coal to Greece, thereby eliminating possibilities of a tie-up of the railroads.

#### A British steamer transport filled with Serbian troops has reached Salonika from Albania to co-operate with the Anglo-French forces.

#### It is possible that reasons other than shortage of provisions actuated the withdrawal, particularly in view of the fact that the allies recently urged the withdrawal from both the Serbian and Bulgarian frontiers.

#### Russian Offensive Halted.

Constantinople, Jan. 19.—The Russian offensive in the Caucasus has been halted by Turkish reinforcements, said the war office today claiming that the heavy attacks had been repulsed with heavy enemy losses.

#### "The general situation is favorable despite an eight day offensive by superior Russian forces."

#### Russians Deny Story.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Official denial that the Russians had been defeated in the Caucasus and in Persia was made by the war office today.

#### "Contrary to reports," said the statement, "our new offensive on both fronts is developing favorably. We have suffered only small losses and have annihilated whole regiments."

#### Peace Negotiations Off.

London, Jan. 19.—Peace negotiations between Austria and Montenegro have been broken off, according to an unconfirmed Rome wireless message today. This said that reports of the surrender of the Montenegrin army were "premature."

#### Though it is possible the Rome report is true, it was accepted here cautiously and reservedly in view of the confirmation of the Montenegrin surrender by Montenegrin diplomats in Rome and Paris.

#### German Enormous Loss.

London, Jan. 19.—German casualties have mounted to the tremendous number of 2,325,708, under Secretary Tennant announced today in the house of commons. In this number were 613,000 killed and 1,706,708 wounded. This left 346,159 as missing.

#### Bad Weather Checks Them.

London, Jan. 19.—Relief expedition forces bound for Kotel-Ismara have been unable to make further progress because of "atrocious" weather, Secretary for India Chamberlain announced today in the house of commons. They were last reported to be six miles away.

#### South Africans Arrive.

Pretoria, South Africa, Jan. 19.—The first South African brigades sent to Egypt have arrived at their destination, it was officially announced today.

#### This is the first intimation that South African forces have been sent into Egypt, presumably to meet the reported Turkish-German invasion.

#### PROHIBITION KILLED HIM

Oregon City, Or., Jan. 19.—Joe Suesap, a Kilkilt Indian, is dead here today, the first victim of prohibition. A little exertion when he tried to carry in wood resulted in his death. Physicians said a drink of whiskey yesterday would have saved him. Suesap was always a heavy drinker.

#### In 1875 Suesap was famous throughout Oregon as a baseball player.

## PREPAREDNESS NOW STANDS OUT AS MOST VITAL ISSUE



Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—National preparedness has become the most vital issue before the American people. President Wilson is insisting that legislation must be enacted without delay to the attainment of this end. Many congressmen at their homes during the holiday season, learned how ardent is the sentiment of their constituents on this issue.

Many plans have been proposed in congress, and the debates will be most heated and interesting. The most radical view is that held by former President Roosevelt, who apparently believes that the United States should be constantly kept on a war basis. His program contemplates a military establishment equal to that of the most powerful nations of Europe. The colonel believes that in no other way can we safeguard our territory and our national honor.

General Wood, chief of staff of the army, has given particular attention to the more technical and scientific questions involved. The American people have never been instinctively a military class, but Wood has insisted that they should at least know the salient features of the military art. Upon him will devolve the duty of developing the practical ends of such a program as congress may adopt.

#### Experts Want More.

The program introduced in congress by President Wilson constitutes the demands of the administration. This program is a compromise between the various departments of the government. However, it is clearly not acceptable to many of those who participated in its preparation. It was not accepted by the war staff or the war college and military experts believe that it falls short of the requirements of the present time. The plan for establishing a continental army has been particularly criticized, especially by

#### Chamberlain Is Emphatic.

Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, is chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, and will have charge of the administration measures in the senate. He is essentially militant and believes in maintaining our position regardless of developments.

#### Burton's Attitude is of Particular Interest.

Burton's attitude is of particular interest because he is president of the American Peace society. While he advocates a proper system of preparedness, he has not lost sight of the ultimate idea in the settlement of international disputes by judicial methods. But however varied the views of preparedness leaders, none have lost sight of the more practical question that the United States must be prepared to defend itself against aggression from any source.

## W. AL. JONES SAYS WITHYCOMBE PAID POLITICAL DEBT

### Claims Governor Was After His Scalp Ever Since His Appointment

## SAYS HE TOLD BOARD LEA WOULD GET PLACE

### Governor Objected to Prosecuting Employees Saying 'You Must Hush It Up'

In response to the denial of Governor Withycombe that the chief executive of the state had any influence in the ousting of W. A. Jones, secretary of the state fair board, Mr. Jones in an interview today, stated that the governor not only was responsible for the recent action but had attempted to control the actions of the board for the past year.

## Governor Denies That He Directed Actions Of State Fair Board

"I told the members of the fair board yesterday," said the governor, "that the choosing of their secretary rested entirely with them and that it was up to them to work out their own problems. Not one of them was offered any inducements by me to vote any way whatsoever, nor were threats made."

The foregoing, which appeared in the morning papers was the denial that caused Secretary W. A. Jones to give out his interview today. The governor's statement was given out after the resignation of N. K. West and J. H. Booth as a protest against the ousting of W. A. Jones had been tendered to the governor.

In the place of N. K. West, of La Grande, Governor Withycombe has appointed J. E. Reynolds, also of La Grande, a prominent stock man and rancher. Succeeding J. H. Booth, of Joseph, the governor has appointed A. C. Marsters, also of Roseburg, who owns a large stock farm in Douglas county and also one in Klamath county, being heavily interested in sheep and cattle. He is also president of the Roseburg National bank. Both of the new appointees are republicans.

## BANDIT HUNT TO BE KEPT UP UNTIL VILLA IS CORPSE

### Carranza's Order to Show No Mercy Strikes Terror to Hearts of Guerrillas

## FEAR OF FIRING SQUAD DRIVES GANG TO HILLS

### Enrique Cisneros Will Be Shot and Body Exposed With Other Dead Ones

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 19.—Carranzista orders to show no mercy to Villista murderers, has struck terror to the hearts of the bandits. However, display of the torn corpses of Generals Rodriguez and Buen Valles at the Jaurico customs house as a warning to their companions in rapine and bloodshed has served the salutary purpose of driving them farther into the mountains.

## HEAVY RAINS SWELLING FLOODS IN CALIFORNIA

### Streams That Were Falling Are Again Rising Rapidly—Breaking Dams Add to Flood's Destructiveness—Jail at San Bernardino Topples Into Stream With 150 Inmates—Natural Gas Supply Shut Off—Silt Builds Bank Around Boats in Harbor.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 19.—Patrols in the flood zone today kept watch for the bodies of more possible victims of the southern California storm. Latest revised figures showed five persons positively known to be dead, with four more reported dead.

Owing to the great number of ranches devastated, it was believed likely that unreported deaths had occurred. A number of new fatalities were rumored this morning, but none confirmed.

Doubt was thrown on the drowning of three, a man, woman and child between Anaheim and Fullerton yesterday. Thorough search for their bodies failed, although a dead horse and smashed buggy, said to be theirs was found. The orange county sheriff's office believed the trio had been rescued.

No trace was discovered of the man seen struggling in the tide near the Orange county hospital yesterday afternoon. He is still believed to have perished.

The bodies of the following drowned victims have been recovered:

John Higginson, H. Nicoshea, Fred Smith and Alfonso Rivere, all ranchers. Carl Thockmorton was electrocuted. Despite the fact that hundreds of homes have been abandoned and some actually swept away by the torrents, there was little suffering on that account. Neighbors cared for many of the homeless, and Los Angeles orphanages and other charitable institutions looked out for the Mexicans left without shelter.

The damage, taking everything into consideration, is figured at \$3,000,000. San Bernardino alone reported \$1,000,000 damage.

#### Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 19.—Five known dead and many fatalities rumored, thousands homeless, and more than \$5,000,000 damage has been done as a result of the rain storm which has deluged southern California for five days.

#### Rain poured with increasing violence today. Flood waters, which had begun to recede slightly, rose rapidly.

#### Collapsing dykes and dams released a wall of water in the Pomona district. At Claremont an all night fight was made to save the Pomona college buildings. Many orange groves were washed away.

#### In the middle of the deluge at Bell Station the family of John Gurszell is starving, while rescue parties risk their lives in repeated efforts to get a shift out to the marooned ranch house.

#### Occasionally the victims wig wag distress signals from up or windows. The water is rising fast.

#### One hundred and fifty prisoners in the San Bernardino county jail narrowly escaped death when the flood cut away the jail foundations, causing their steel cage to topple in. As the water roared over it, turnkeys unlocked the doors and the prisoners scrambled to safety. Many had to swim for their lives. A score were injured.

#### When they got to safety they were rounded up by armed guards and were marched to the Rollins prison.

#### Miles of ranch and orange lands, dotted with settlements, will be smothered by water if the Hemet dam in the San Jacinto mountains breaks. At last reports it was weakening.

#### Los Angeles Isolated.

In the towns around Mount Baldy the damage is conservatively estimated at \$1,000,000.

#### The isolation of Los Angeles was practically completed today when the Long Beach tracks of the Pacific Electric were washed out near Cato Station. This cut six more towns off from Los Angeles. Passengers who want to take the risk are allowed to cross the washout on a rickety bridge, but few chance it.

#### A gas famine in the city was narrowly averted when the natural gas mains snapped. By the use of old apparatus the Los Angeles Gas and Electric company immediately commencing manufacturing enough artificial gas to supply the ordinary demand.

#### Manager McCulloch and 25 campers at Camp Baldy are out of touch with the world. The trail leading to the resort has been obliterated by avalanches. Food is known to be at a low ebb at Baldy. Silt streaming into the inner harbor has imbedded the steam schooner Prentiss in a mud bank. Dredging operations to clear out the debris clogging the channel will cost nearly half a million dollars.

#### San Bernardino is cut off from the world, only one long distance telephone line remaining.

#### Between Pomona and Lordsburg scores of telegraph poles are down. Redlands is marooned, with no light and power and food is running low there. Lordsburg ranchers were forced to flee from their homes. Lake Lee, near Corona, bursts its banks, inundating the valley to a depth of four feet.

#### A wall of water rushed through Temescal cañon, doing great damage. Ranchers near San Gabriel chopped down valuable walnut trees and built dykes to try and save their homes.

#### Oil Companies Hard Hit.

Fullerton, Cal., Jan. 19.—Heavy damage may be done to the oil fields here if the rain continues. It was apparent today that operators faced an actual calamity. Soil erosion has exposed many pipe lines, some of them sagging dangerously over gullies. If these mains break the pumping plants must be temporarily closed.

#### Damage Over Million.

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 19.—Damage to the west side oil fields was estimated at \$1,250,000 today as a result of the gale which swept this region 48 hours ago. In Taft the loss was \$650,000 and in the McKittrick field \$500,000. Rig builders will be brought here from Texas to repair the 485 wrecked derricks and pumps.

#### Stock Market Weak and Prices Trend Downward

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#### New York, Jan. 19.—After a few hours of uncertain fluctuation today, with the prices of several industrial issues again showing weakness, a selling movement began, made up of concerted professional operations for a decline.

#### Pressure converged on war stocks, but it caused a general weakness. The declines were irregular.

#### The market closed unsettled, though with some recovery from its lowest point.

#### Selling was not heavy in the railroad quarter, and as throughout the week there was no news to provoke the movement. Railroad weekly gross earnings showed an increase except in the southern district.

#### Bonds continued a steady, substantial, well distributed business, and were still indifferent to the huge mass of realising sales from Europe.

#### Rags are going up in price, but nobody is wearing them blatantly.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Thursday generally fair, continued cold, variable winds.

## Abe Martin



"My sakes alive, how I hate winter! A buddy kin hardly lay a cent aside for th' ater after buyin' coal an' things," said Mrs. Lib Pash, t' day. Whoever marries Pawn Lippinout 'll git a practical wife. She makes her own hats an' shoots her own rabbits.

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